

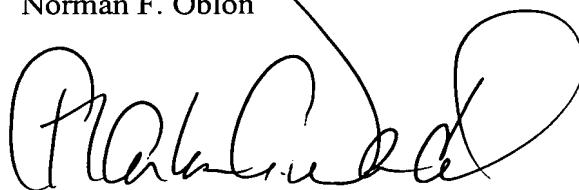
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, to make two minor stylistic changes, and to present a new claim (10) directed to subject matter canceled from the elimination of multiple dependencies.

An early examination of Claims 1-10 is earnestly solicited.

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